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Police plan ahead as another cup run looms for Canucks

Playoffs. VPD chief says it's too early to assess riot risk, will depend on length of post-season

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With the NHL playoffs fast approaching, VPD Chief Jim Chu says the force is already bracing for the Vancouver Canucks' Stanley Cup chase.

"We've got the plans in place to ensure that we have officers deployed in the right places at the right levels," he said, adding the VPD has looked at the recommendations from various post-riot independent and internal reviews.

Chu said they have also talked to other regional police forces to make sure there is a liquor strategy in place.

One of the problems on the night of the riot, Chu pointed out, was that people came into Vancouver's downtown core with their liquor.

"We've had large events since (the riot) and that … strategy has been successful," he said. "During the Celebration of Light, we asked our policing partners in the region to stop them before they got on the train and intercept that liquor before they came downtown."

The VPD has had discussions with Mayor Gregor Robertson and city staff about the upcoming preparations, said Chu, adding that he agrees with the city's idea to have smaller events.

Charles Gauthier, executive director of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, said he would like to see smaller-scale, crowd-controlled events in multiple locations, similar to what was done during the Olympic Winter Games.

He said he believes that a balance between celebrating the team and maintaining safety can be reached.

"We're very supportive of hosting events outdoors and having them downtown, but with the proper security and safety plans in place," he said, adding that gathering fans at BC Place or Rogers Arena can also be options.

MORE RIOT COVERAGE, PAGE 4
CANUCKS VERSUS JETS, PAGE 32

Whitecaps goalkeeper Joe Cannon dives for the ball during a Major League Soccer training session in Vancouver on Thursday. The Whitecaps open their second MLS season with a game against Montreal Saturday in Vancouver. Check out our Whitecaps season preview, page 33. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada disruption averted

MP sends labour dispute to board ahead of March-break travel period PAGE 14

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Nieuws in beeld

1 Mountie assaulted.

A 34-year-old man is facing charges after a female Mountie was assaulted. RCMP say the officer had made a routine stop of the man, who was riding a bicycle, in Chilliwack. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Bait car expands.

Commercial vehicles ranging from tractor-trailers to bobcats are being added to B.C.'s bait car program. Justice Minister Shirley Bond says this will help protect property and the livelihoods of people who drive heavy equipment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Smart meters OK'd.

The B.C. Utilities Commission has rejected an application for an injunction on smart meters by opponents who had wanted to stop the installation of the high-tech devices.
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Oh, behave. Penthouse nightclub to reopen after December fire

One of Vancouver's most colourful joints is set to reopen.

The Penthouse strip club has been closed since December, after suffering damage in a fire, but is set to reopen on March 22.

The club has a rich history that dates back to 1947. The grand reopening will feature a live concert and the usual "late night naughtiness."
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The likes of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald made appearances at the Penthouse. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Daycare death. More charges laid against child-care operator

A Coquitlam daycare operator is facing an additional charge of manslaughter in the death of an infant in her care.

The charge against Maria McFerran will be added to other allegations including criminal negligence causing death and obstruction of justice.

Those charges were laid in early January, one year after the death on Jan. 17, 2011, of one-year-old Arto Howley.

RCMP have never indicated how the baby died.
CKNW/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

- **Infant death.** Arto Howley was found dead at the unlicensed, family-run Rattle-N-Roll Daycare. The

Dolphin Spinnaker dies at Vancouver Aquarium

'A full life.' Fans of the late dolphin can take heart that the great showman lived a long, healthy life: Scientist

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Spinnaker the dolphin died Thursday morning at the Vancouver Aquarium after a long illness.

The Pacific white-sided dolphin had been under close observation and was receiving care for several months before he died.

"He would have lived a full life," said Andrew Trites, director of the marine mammal research unit at UBC.

"If everything goes well, a dolphin should live well into their late 20s. Very few dolphins out in the wild will live past the age of 26."

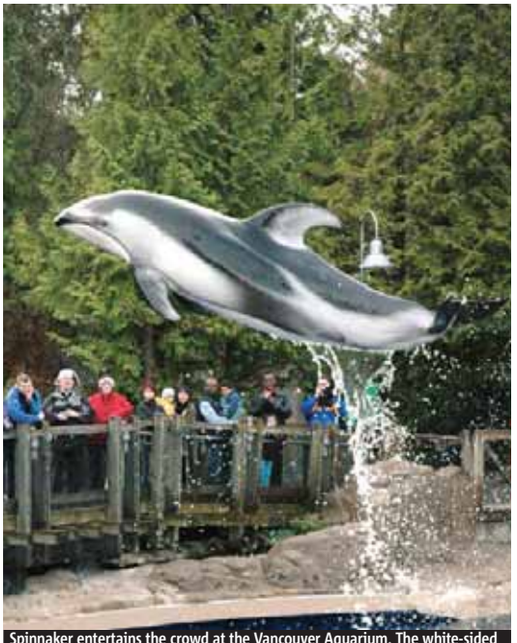
Spinnaker was about 25 years old and was rescued in 1991, off the coast of Japan, after he was caught in a fishing net. He arrived at the aquarium in 2001.

Martin Haulena, veterinarian at the Vancouver Aquarium, conducted a necropsy on Thursday at the provincial animal health centre. Results are expected on Friday.

The remaining two dolphins at the aquarium are 14-year-old Hana and 21-year-old Helen, who were also rescued from fishing nets.

Other losses

- **Milo.** In January, Milo, a 12-year-old sea otter, was euthanized after a lengthy battle with cancer.
- **Tiqa.** In September 2011, a beluga whale, Tiqa, died of pneumonia.
- **Nala.** In June 2010, Nala, a beluga calf, died after the young whale's airway became blocked.



Spinnaker entertains the crowd at the Vancouver Aquarium. The white-sided dolphin whose high jumps delighted fans for 11 years has died after a long illness. CONTRIBUTED

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Plan ahead for Spring Break: Ferries

B.C. Ferries is reminding travellers to plan ahead if they intend to take a ferry during Spring Break. The company says people should make reservations if they want a specific sailing time, and it points out the last day of Spring Break, March 25, is expected to be the busiest on the ferry system.
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Vroom, vroom

Centenarian caught speeding in school zone

Saanich Police got a surprise when they stopped a driver caught speeding in a school zone in the Victoria suburb. The driver — who was doing 50 in the 30-kilometre-per-hour zone — was 100 years old. Police say a check of the record revealed it was the first ticket the driver ever received.
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Suspicious death

Passenger found dead on Greyhound bus

A passenger has died on a Greyhound bus travelling from Calgary to Kamloops. The dead man, in his 30s, was found when the bus pulled into the Kamloops depot late yesterday afternoon. Police are treating the death as suspicious until an autopsy is completed, but they also say no signs of trauma have been found.
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Financial report

PWC finds cost savings for school board

The Vancouver School Board could save about $16 million if it adopts every measure proposed in a PriceWaterhouse Coopers report. A PWC spokeswoman says the report identifies up to $12 million in savings that could be implemented this year, and up to $4 million in additional savings over the long term.
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Mobile news

Two siblings, 5 and 11, were found living in an abandoned school bus after their parents were sent to prison. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

Fragile Fukushima

Nearly one year after the tsunami hit Japan, the Fukushima power plant remains fragile, crews continue cleaning the city and officials constantly test the food and water. how residents are dealing with the fear of radiation: metronews.ca/video

Drug shortage. Supplies being sought from Europe and the U.S., say officials

B.C.'s Ministry of Health is working to maintain full services after a fire at a Quebec drug-manufacturing plant halted production for at least a week.

Canada-wide shortages of the drugs morphine, hydromorphone and fentanyl are expected as a result of a fire at Sandoz Canada.

The B.C. government said in a statement late Wednesday that they are "exploring" securing international supplies from sources such as the France, Ireland, Germany and the U.S.

The Ministry of Health estimates that the decreased supply of some drugs could last as long as 18 months.

Deborah Dunn-Roy, an executive director with Health Shared Services BC, said Thursday that Sandoz is committed to fulfilling the province's needs. "Sandoz has indicated to us that they will be able to meet the commitments they had made prior to the fire," Dunn-Roy said.

The Ministry of Health is preparing to deal with any possible shortages, saying that if shortages become too severe, B.C. hospitals may have to delay certain elective procedures.

The fire comes shortly after Sandoz reduced production after a warning from the U.S. FDA that standards were not being met.

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Spring in the air

Flower count down in Victoria

People in the Victoria region have counted more than two billion blossoms. But the yearly flower count is just under 10 per cent of the total counted in 2010.

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Mountain tops

B.C. has chance in ski hall of fame

Four communities vying to be the home for the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame and Museum are B.C.'s Revelstoke, Rossland, Whistler and Grouse Mountain.

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VPD on 'relentless' search for more Stanley Cup rioters

Poster campaign. Volunteers and police officers handed out 70,000 new posters featuring 'most wanted' suspects

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Vancouver police wrapped up their latest poster campaign in an effort to find more alleged Stanley Cup rioters and announced three more people have been charged in the June 15 melee.

The 340 volunteers and 70 officers handed out 70,000 posters from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday in 19 cities across Greater Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.

The new poster features 100 people police want to identify, including five of the "most wanted" suspects for allegedly attacking Robert Mackay, a Good Samaritan who tried to stop a mob from smashing windows of the Bay store during the riot. Ten of the 15 people suspected in the attack have been identified.

"The crime spree that we saw on June 15 was a very public event," VPD Chief Jim Chu said. "This is our public way of showing that we are relentless (and) looking for as many rioters as possible ... to hold them accountable."

The Vancouver Police Foundation covered the $14,000 printing bill.

Meanwhile, Crown has approved six more charges against three suspected rioters. Police said a total of 117 criminal charges have been laid against 67 suspects so far.

VPD Chief Jim Chu hands out the latest riot poster to a passerby on West Georgia Street.

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Donor offers $10K in 36-year-old murder

Anonymous help. Eleven-year-old disappeared in September 1975

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A mourning mother of an 11-year-old girl who was murdered more than 36 years ago is hoping a $10,000 reward will encourage witnesses to come forward.

"I prayed and I asked God to give something that would work, and a week later I received an anonymous donation," sobbed Shari Greer, at a RCMP press conference in Vancouver Thursday.

Greer's daughter, Kathryn-Mary Herbert disappeared on Sept. 24, 1975. She was last seen walking to her home from a friend's house on a Matsqui First Nation reserve near Abbotsford.

People searching for wood discovered her body two months later.

"For many years now I've been relentlessly pursing this case and trying to find answers," said Greer. "I'm never going to lose hope."

RCMP Insp. Gary Shinkaruk believes there are individuals who have information that police need to solve this case.

A convicted rapist was the only suspect in 1975, but he was never arrested.

Shinkaruk says police are still looking for a male driving a white, older model American vehicle that was parked where Herbert was last seen.

Kathryn Dobbin, left, helps her aunt Shari Greer at RCMP headquarters in Vancouver Thursday. KYLA JONAS/FOR METRO

Labour. Teachers to plot their next move

While kids are enjoying spring break, teachers will be plotting their next move in their ongoing labour dispute.

B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) president Susan Lambert said the union's executive is currently drafting an action plan that will be presented to the membership at the BCTF's annual general meeting in Vancouver March 17-20.

"We'll present members with a whole range of options," said Lambert. "I don't know what will be in the action plan yet, we're constantly making additions and subtractions to it."

The BCTF has said it will not comply with Bill 22, which intends to legislate a six-month contract extension on teachers, appoint a mediator and — the union alleges — strip significant collective bargaining rights from the BCTF.

Bill 22 is expected to be passed next week.

The union still has permission to walk out and strike once next week under a Labour Relations Board meeting, but it must give two days' notice.

Lambert said no decision has been made, but pointed out spring break starts next week in parts of the province, so a third of teachers won't be in school anyway.

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B.C. Teacher's Federation president Susan Lambert addresses striking teachers and other supporters during a rally on the final day of a three-day provincewide walkout in Vancouver on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

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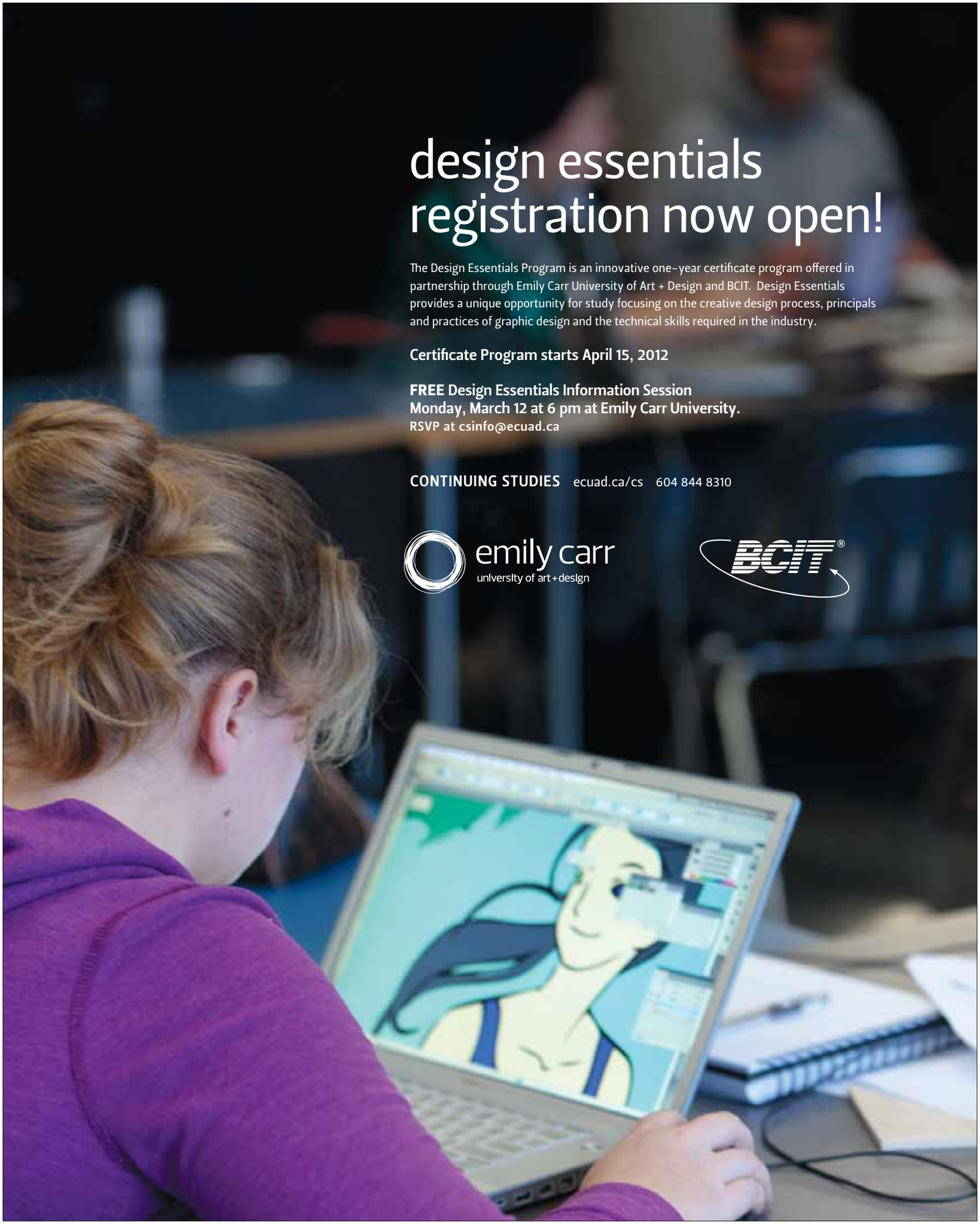
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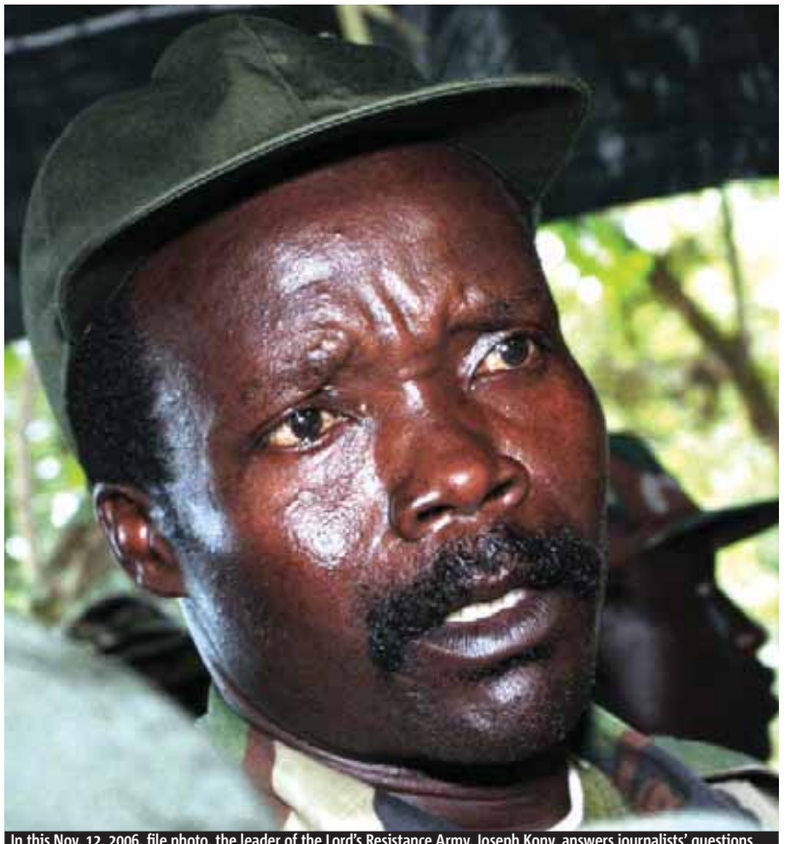

In this Nov. 12, 2006, file photo, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, Joseph Kony, answers journalists' questions following a meeting with UN humanitarian chief Jan Egeland at Ri-Kwamba in southern Sudan.

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20k 'Like' Kony 2012 in Vancouver

Social media. Charity follows up half-hour documentary targeting Ugandan war criminal Joseph Kony with poster campaign

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In the wake of an explosively popular online documentary, the Kony 2012 movement will be sweeping through Vancouver with a social-media campaign more than 20,000 strong.

A Facebook event called KONY 2012 — Cover the City Vancouver B.C. is urging Vancouverites to collect "posters, banners, stickers, whatever we can get hold of" and to put them up "until you can't turn a corner without seeing his name."

Kony 2012 aims to promote international awareness of Ugandan war criminal Joseph Kony, in the hopes of forcing foreign powers to intervene and arrest him.

A documentary of the same name has more than 36 million views on YouTube, and dozens of high-profile endorsements from celebrities, among whom are Ryan Gosling and Oprah Winfrey.

Invisible Children, the charity behind both the movement and the viral video, has chosen April 20 for the worldwide poster campaign that prompted the Vancouver event.

Ben Brown-Bentley, co-organizer of the Vancouver event, told Metro that he thinks its impact will be "far beyond the original goal of Invisible Children."

"(Kony 2012) is paving the way through social media for many more movements addressing other important world issues."

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Kony controversy

The recent surge in awareness has exposed Invisible Children to criticism.

- **The charity has been accused** of trying to use social media to dictate the use of military force, and of misspending their donations on salaries and the production of their high-budget documentaries.
- **The proposed upcoming postering** of the city of Perth, Australia, resulted in the mayor pledging to fine anyone placing illegal posters as part of that city's event, calling it "viral email gone crazy."
- **Ugandan journalist Anglo Izama** has also used his blog to call the Kony movement "misleading," noting that 100 members of U.S. Special Forces have been assisting the Ugandan hunt for Kony since October 2011.

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A year after disaster, Japan still struggles

Fukushima. After the tsunami, life goes on in the shadow of shattered nuclear reactors

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

One year ago, an earthquake struck the waters off Fukushima, a quiet city in central Japan. The 8.9 tremor caused a tsunami, which hit the city's nuclear power plant. Within minutes, three of the plant's reactors overheated and released clouds of radioactivity.

"I was at home on my farm," recalls Tatsuko Ogawara, an organic farmer who lives 40 kilometres from the reactor.

"A geiger counter we bought 26 years ago showed radiation levels 30 times higher than normal. When this happened, I wanted to evacuate to western Japan with my children. However, I respected the decision our children made and decided to remain in our home."

The effects of the tsunami reached as far as Tokyo.

One year later, Ogawara remains at her family farm — but the Fukushima region has changed. The 20-kilometre exclusion zone around the plant is a Chornobyl-like landscape inhabited only by animals.

"And a 13,000-square-kilometre area is still contaminated above the international limit," says Jan Beranek, a nuclear expert at Greenpeace, who has measured the area's radioactivity.

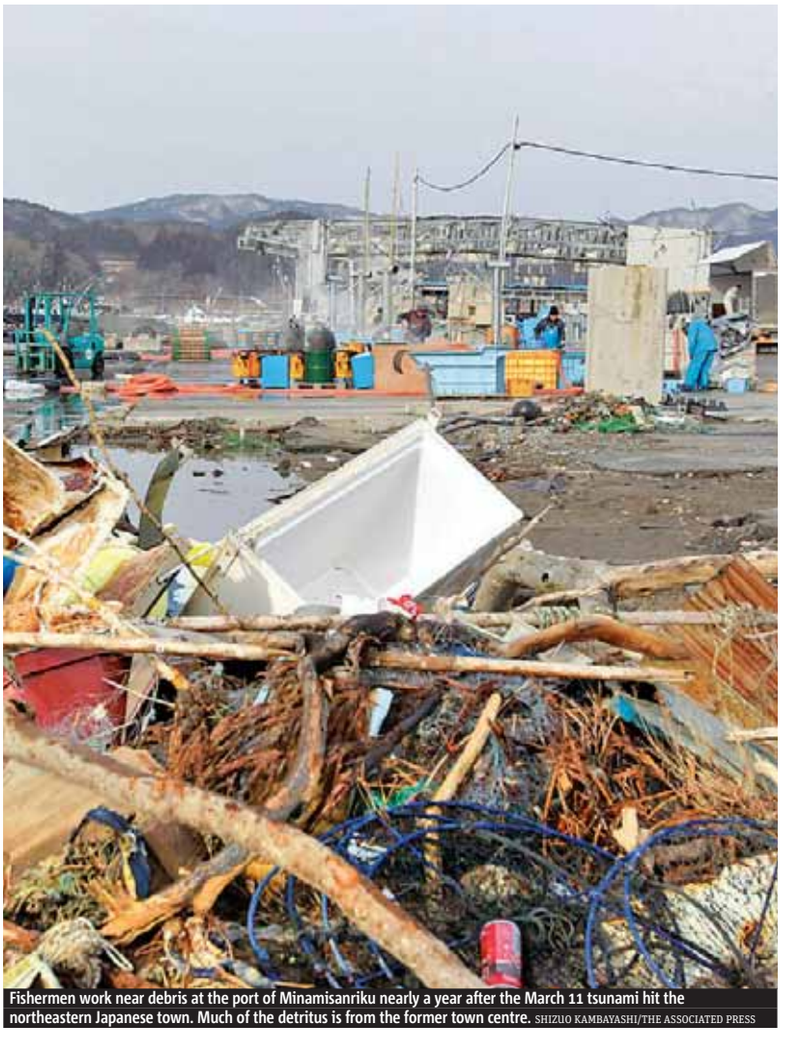
"It will take three decades before the radioactive isotopes are broken down. Until then, the Fukushima region is a ticking time bomb. The contaminated water is especially dangerous, since it could leak and contaminate reservoirs."

For Ogawara, the radioactivity is a constant concern: "We have lost many customers due to radiation fears. And I'm very worried about the health of my children."

The Ogawaras' oldest daughter has already left Fukushima.

Health concerns

"The radiation levels of our crops are a big problem now." Tatsuko Ogawara, farmer


Fishermen work near debris at the port of Minamisanriku nearly a year after the March 11 tsunami hit the northeastern Japanese town. Much of the detritus is from the former town centre. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Fukushima families divided

Earlier this year Robert Knoth, a Dutch photographer, travelled to Fukushima to document residents' everyday lives.

"Even outside the exclusion zone, there are lots of empty villages," he says. "There are only a few people there who don't want to leave. Many have lived there for generations."

And the accident caused rifts in local families. "Young people didn't believe the government's claims that it was safe to stay," explains Knoth.

"They wanted to leave, but that caused conflicts because Japanese families act collectively."

Kenta Sato, a young tweeter who worked for his father's company, quit his job and moved to Fukushima City. Now he lives on his savings, with no job prospects in sight.

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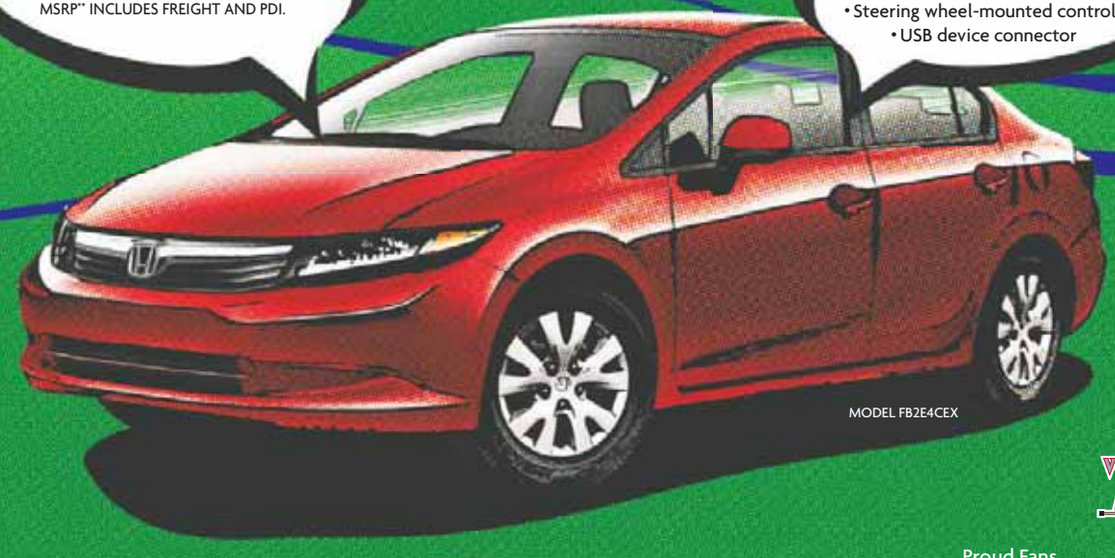

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Kony website has raised more than $5M

Controversy. Video creator defends project on Toronto radio show

Jason Russell, director of the viral Kony 2012 video, responded to criticism of his humanitarian group, Invisible Children, on Thursday. He called in to the Roz and Mocha show on KiSS 92.5 FM.

When did you post this online? It now stands at 26.6 million views.
We posted this on Monday at noon ... and by that night it had 60,000 views and we were freaking out.

Anytime anyone asked me to put this on Facebook or re-tweet it, I had one question: why?
(People) don't know how to stop child soldiering ... but now things are changing because of technology.... This is about Kony, the world's worst criminal.... It would be an injustice if he actually was captured and nobody knew about it.

You have been criticized for your organization's finances and not having Africans on your board. What can somebody who buys a (sticker) on your website actually do to help?
I mean, putting up the sticker actually does help it because it awakens the consciousness of this world.

(Have any celebrities) responded to you?
Oprah Winfrey ... was the first one to tweet it out ... (and to) support us financially.... And then came more, Taylor Swift, Ryan Seacrest.... Justin Bieber just started tweeting about it.

How much money have you guys made off the website in the last 48 hours?
Over $5 million.

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More demonstrations

2 dead, including gunman, in U.S. hospital shooting

A gunman who opened fire after entering the lobby of a Pittsburgh psychiatric hospital on Thursday was armed with two semiautomatic handguns during a confrontation that left two people, including the gunman, dead and several others wounded, the mayor said.

Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl said the man exchanged gunfire with police and was shot dead, but not before one other person was killed and seven hurt, apparently by his gunfire. One injured person wasn't hurt by gunfire.

The mayor stopped short of confirming the gunman was fatally shot by a University of Pittsburgh police officer. But he confirmed "police acted admirably and did engage in gunfire." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student hurt in eye during Que. tuition protests

Students demonstrate in Montreal on Thursday, protesting for women's rights and against rising tuition hikes. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A student demonstrator feared losing sight in one eye Thursday, feeding an atmosphere of heightened tensions over Quebec's tuition-fee hikes.

There were more protests one day after 20-year-old protester Francis Grenier suffered a partially detached retina following the explosion of a police stun grenade during a demonstration Wednesday in downtown Montreal.

Some students taunted police by wearing eyepatches in reference to Grenier. There were also chants and a variety of hand gestures, ranging from two-fingered peace signs to one-fingered salutes.

"Police is everywhere, justice is nowhere," some chanted.

A day earlier, seven people were arrested during a pair of Montreal protests — the latest in a string of demonstrations by students who believe Quebec's rock-bottom tuition rates are a basic right.

In the main protest Wednesday, riot police armed with batons and tear gas charged into a group of demonstrators who were blocking access to a public building. Protesters pelted the helmeted officers with snowballs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fiscal forecast

Bank of Canada holds interest rate

As widely expected, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and his policy-setting team kept the trendsetting overnight interest rate at the highly stimulative rate of one per cent for the 12th consecutive date on Thursday. The central bank's upbeat tone Thursday appeared to cheer the markets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media monitor

U.K. press regulator to be replaced

Britain's press regulator, much criticized amid a scandal over tabloid phone hacking, confirmed Thursday that it is to be abolished and replaced with a new body.

Author J.K. Rowling was one of several celebrities to criticize the regulator in testimony to Britain's media ethics inquiry, calling it "toothless." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling.
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Controversial project

U.S. Senate rejects Keystone pipeline

TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline has been denied a lifeline thrown to it by congressional Republicans after the U.S. Senate narrowly rejected their attempts to force the approval of the project. A total of 56 senators voted Thursday in favour of the measure, four short of the 60 needed for approval. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raitt steps in to halt Air Canada work stoppage

Labour dispute.
Minister urges both sides to return to the bargaining table despite intervention

Federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt stepped in Thursday to prevent a work stoppage at Air Canada that would have thrown the travel plans of thousands of families into chaos at the beginning of a holiday week.

"Our government's concerned that the work stoppages are going to have an effect both on our national economy and of course on the Canadian travelling public," the minister said.

"We all know that it's March break, especially in Quebec, in Ontario and the following week after in British Columbia. And we know this can have an effect on Canadian families, especially since this is a really peak travel season."

Raitt sent the dispute between the airline and two of its unions — the pilots and ground crew — to the Canadian Industrial Relations Board to see how a work stoppage would affect the health and safety of Canadians.

"It is still a valid question to me, especially when it comes to passengers and cargo, and that's exactly why we're going to be sending it over to the CIRB," Raitt said Thursday.

While the board reviews the case, the airline cannot lock out its employees and the unions cannot start a strike.

Air Canada confirmed that there would be no disruption of service and its full schedule would remain unchanged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An Air Canada pilot walks through the terminal at Stanfield International Airport in Halifax on Thursday. Air Canada is threatening to lock out its pilots after making its final contract offer. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trade ties. Taiwan farmers protest U.S. beef imports

Thousands of Taiwanese farmers pelted waste and rotten eggs at a government building Thursday in protest of a plan to allow imports of U.S. beef containing a growth drug, challenging the island's president to "say no" to Washington.

Newly re-elected President Ma Ying-jeou is seeking to strengthen ties with the U.S. by resolving a long-running beef dispute that has stalled trade talks crucial to keeping up the island's competitive edge in global trade.

The protesters gathered outside Taiwan's ornate legislative building and later marched to the Agriculture Council and pelted police with pig excrement and rotten eggs. They broke through a security barrier, but shield-wielding officers prevented them from entering the building.

A policeman is hit with a rotten egg at a protest in Taipei on Thursday.
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The cabinet announced this week it plans to lift a ban on U.S. beef containing minimal traces of ractopamine, a feed additive for leaning meat. The government sought to appease opponents by promising to ensure that vendors properly label their meat products. The plan needs legislative approval. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WOMEN'S DAY, RUSH LIMBAUGH AND AN EXPLETIVE

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
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It's that time of the week again, when we roll out our list of the most amazing things happening. No use arguing … the decision of the judges is final.

1 **International Women's Day:** You've still got a long way to go, baby. Only 17 per cent of the corporate officers and 13 per cent of the directors in Canada's top 500 companies are women. That's because the men have done such a good job.

2 **The Abyss 2:** James Cameron, director of Avatar, Titanic and The Abyss, announced that he's building a special submarine to descend to the bottom of the sea. The Marianas Trench, to be precise, is the deepest point in the ocean, where the pressure is 1,000 times greater than on the surface. The difference from his last visit to the abyss: This time, if the sub starts to leak, he can't just yell "cut!"

3 **iPad X:** OK, so it doesn't deliver world peace. The Apple iPad released Wednesday does have a better screen, a better battery, better graphics and a better camera, and some people are still disappointed because it's not called iPad 3 or doesn't make toast. Geeks gone wild.

4 **Rush Limbaugh, you ignorant slut:** If the sponsors and affiliates leaping off the bandwagon are any indication, America's foremost big-mouth may have finally gone too far when he called a U.S. law student testifying before Congress a "slut" and a "prostitute," because she thinks it's a good idea for health care to pay for birth control. Sometimes the trouble with free speech is that you get what you pay for.

Rush Limbaugh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 **Super Tuesday:** How many Republican presidential candidates does it take to screw in a light bulb? Anybody but Mitt Romney, apparently. Finding a Republican to give Barry Obama a run for his money takes even longer than the NHL playoffs. If we're lucky, Newt Gingrich and Don Cherry will both still be around in June.

Mitt Romney. GETTY IMAGES

6 **Just in time for spring break:** Air Canada's machinist union is either going to strike or the airline will lock them out. Oh, all those spring-break vacations we ruined? Too bad, so sad. Your flight is cancelled. Please call our helpless desk and we'll continue to ignore you as usual as we experience temporary labour difficulties.

7 **Bieber Watch:** Justin Bieber and I both have a birthday in the first week of March. To celebrate, he bought himself a $10-million Hollywood mansion, only slightly used by Ashton Kutcher. I bought myself a latte. It went down smooth. Even though he's now a man, he still has the voice of a boy. I wonder if that's why he called his signature fragrance "Someday."

Solar storm could flex its muscles yet

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Lucky planet

Storm gets off to benign start

One of the strongest solar storms in years engulfed Earth early Thursday, but scientists say the planet may have lucked out.

Hours after the storm arrived, officials said there were no reports of problems with power grids, satellites or other technologies that are often disrupted by solar storms. But that could still change. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disruptions

- The storm is part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is supposed to reach a peak next year. Solar storms don't harm people, but they do disrupt technology. During the last peak around 2002, experts learned that GPS was vulnerable to solar outbursts.
- Because new technology has flourished since then, scientists could discover some new systems are also at risk, said the director of the Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling at Boston University.

Auroras

Earth dealt a good solar storm, this year

The storm could shake the planet's magnetic field in ways that could disrupt technology but also spread colourful Northern Lights.

Forecasters can predict the speed a solar storm travels and its strength, but the north-south orientation is the wild card. And this time, Earth got dealt a good card with a northern orientation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientist says

"It could flip-flop and we could end up with the strength of the storm still to come."

Joe Kunches
Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Weather Prediction Center

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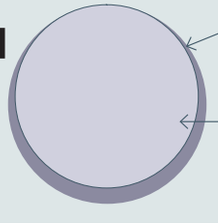

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@MayorWatts: "@RyanSeacrest: "A woman can say more in a sigh than a man can say in a sermon" - Arnold Haultain...so true. Happy int'l women's day :)"Yes!

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BCTF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS	FACT
The union wants more paid time outside the classroom – sick leave for teachers on call, expanded bereavement and discretionary leave.	The government wants more time for teacher training and to ensure that Pro-D days really are for professional development.
The union says all teaching positions should be selected on the basis of seniority.	The government supports seniority but qualifications must also count so that math teachers teach math, and science teachers teach science.
The union says that teachers who perform poorly in evaluations will be dismissed – 'one strike and you're out'.	The government wants to support teacher improvement through a standardized evaluation process.
The union says that government refuses to negotiate.	There has been over a year of negotiations and 78 full bargaining sessions.
The union says that class size limits have been eliminated.	Class size limits will remain in place on all grades across BC.
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Not even Eddie Murphy's charisma can save this lead-footed film. HANDOUT

This silence isn't golden

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A Thousand Words.

Eddie Murphy's spiritual comedy needs some divine intervention

Richard: Mark, A Thousand Words is billed as a comedy but I see it as something else entirely. I see it as a tragedy — a tragic waste of Eddie Murphy's talent.

He's in virtually every scene but his wide-eyed mugging for the camera — there hasn't been this mugging on screen since the first Death Wish movie (only movie geeks will get that joke) — isn't funny, it's just annoying.

What did you think?

Mark: The movie isn't funny, period.

It has a lead foot and a tin ear. It felt like a middle period Jim Carrey movie like Liar, Liar or Yes Man, in which the main character has a supernaturally imposed rule that the comic has to follow that leads to some kind of enlightenment or personal growth.

Murphy's imposed silence in the movie robs him of his greatest gift — the gift of gab. So all he can do is pop his eyeballs and mime his lines. But, Richard, if the movie is this bad, why did it hold my interest?

RC: It didn't hold mine, but I would guess that you were responding to Murphy's charisma.

Even in terrible movies it's hard to take your eyes off him.

Although I have to say that I found this such an unpleasant movie-going experience that the loud fire alarm that rang intermittently in the theatre during the film was a welcome relief to what was happening on screen.

At least the fire alarm had some element of urgency to it, unlike the film, which seemed to think that allowing Murphy to pull faces at the camera for 90 minutes was enough to flesh out the story.

MB: Maybe it was just relief that he didn't wear the fat suit, or the glossy art direction, or the satirical pokes at pop spirituality.

It has one good scene, where he "speaks" by using the prerecorded voice in various kids' toys.

But the abrupt turn of mood in the last third of the movie, changing from tepid comedy to outright mawkish sentimentalism made me squirm — big time.

Sorry, but I don't need a lesson in family values from a guy whose track record on Hollywood Boulevard speaks for itself.

RC: Ha!

Synopsis

Teaming up with Norbet director Brian Robins again, Eddie Murphy plays Jack McCall, a fast talking literary agent who double-crosses new age guru Dr. Sinja (Cliff Curtis) on a book deal. Soon after, a magical Bodhi tree erupts through the ground in Jack's backyard. The tree will shed one leaf for every word McCall says, and after one thousand leaves have fallen, the true nature of the tree's curse will be revealed.

- Richard
- Mark

I can sum up my thoughts on A Thousand Words in far less than a thousand words: "Don't go. Save your money." You?

MB: Bad.

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Suing Seagal

Actor Steven Seagal and the Maricopa County sheriff's office are being sued over a 2011 arrest that a Phoenix-area man says was staged for a reality TV show. Jesus Llovera says Seagal and deputies unlawfully raided his home because they thought Llovera was raising fighting roosters. Llovera says the birds on his property were for show and not for fighting.

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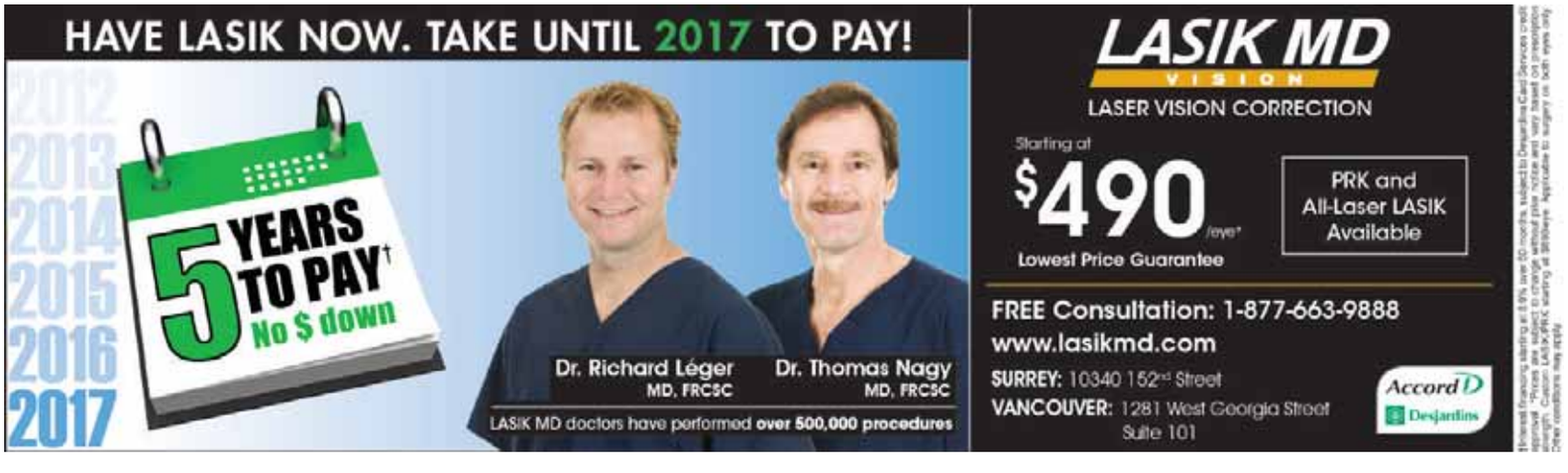
On the Web

After Artist, French film's set for a new golden age, Harvey Weinstein says



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No more Mr. Nice Guy

Comedy. Affable Jason Segel, star of Jeff, Who Lives at Home, dishes on the things he dislikes — and cats are on his hit list

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Jason Segel has cemented his reputation as Hollywood's reigning Nice Guy, and with his latest film, Jeff, Who Lives at Home, he takes that image even further, playing an unyieldingly optimistic loser living in his mother's basement who sees the good in everyone.

But there has to be something that makes Segel angry. As it turns out, he's not such a big fan of cats.

Your character in this is remarkably positive and open to life.
Yeah, he's a special guy. He's a watcher, and he's taking things in. He really does have an undaunted confidence that there is a purpose to his life, and that's a pretty courageous thing to believe. I think ultimately he doesn't know how to make sense of a terrible tragedy — his father died when he was young, and he just believes that there must be some reason for that.

In less careful hands, these could be pretty laughable, demeaned characters.
I think the goal was to have the tone of life. We weren't trying for broad comedy, we weren't trying for dark comedy, we were just trying for honesty. And the Duplass Brothers demand honesty, and that's what made me want to work with them. They roll the camera and they point it at you, and they don't say much. They'll let it roll for 40 minutes, and what sort of clicks in your mind is, "Well, I guess I'm supposed to do acting right now. They're not going to say cut. I claim to be an actor, I better do it."

We've never really seen you get pissed off about anything, but there must be something that pisses you off.
Yeah. When someone's rude to service staff, I get furious. That could just as easily be you. Who the f-- are you to tell a waiter to hurry up? I hate it. That's my big one.

If you didn't have an answer, I was going to ask you to say awful things about kittens.
Anyone who would say, "I don't have anything [that I hate]" is a liar. I am not a big fan of cats. I'm going to be controversial. I think they're entitled little bastards. You come home and a dog greets you at the door and is so happy to see you. A cat is just laying on your bed, has just done nothing all day, like, "Oh, hello..."

You have nearly 1 million Twitter followers. How do you wrap your mind around that?
I never say anything political or controversial. I tweet about food or me in a funny outfit. I think it's remarkable you say something like, "Sandwiches are better than burritos" and hundreds of thousands of people have an opinion; like they're ready to fight for it. "You don't like burritos? F-- you!" I think it's hilarious.

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The Hunger Games screenwriter talks about appeasing fans

Action. Simon Beaufoy feels the pressure of adapting a bestselling series of books into what could be a major movie franchise

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While the release of The Hunger Games is still more than two weeks away, Academy Award-winning screenwriter Simon Beaufoy is already hard at work on the followup. In fact, he tells Metro, he's just turned in the first draft of his adaptation of Catching Fire to novelist and series creator Suzanne Collins. That's got to make a guy a little nervous.

"I think she's reading it possibly right now, the first draft. Could well be today," he says of Collins, whose own background has been helpful in the scripting process.

"Because Suzanne has been a film writer and a TV writer, funnily enough she's already done a lot of adapting for me. They'll cut my wage if you say that."

Beaufoy is no stranger to adaptation, with the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire, 127 Hours and the upcoming Salmon Fishing in the Yemen among his credits.

But taking on an installment of the hugely successful Hunger Games series was still daunting.

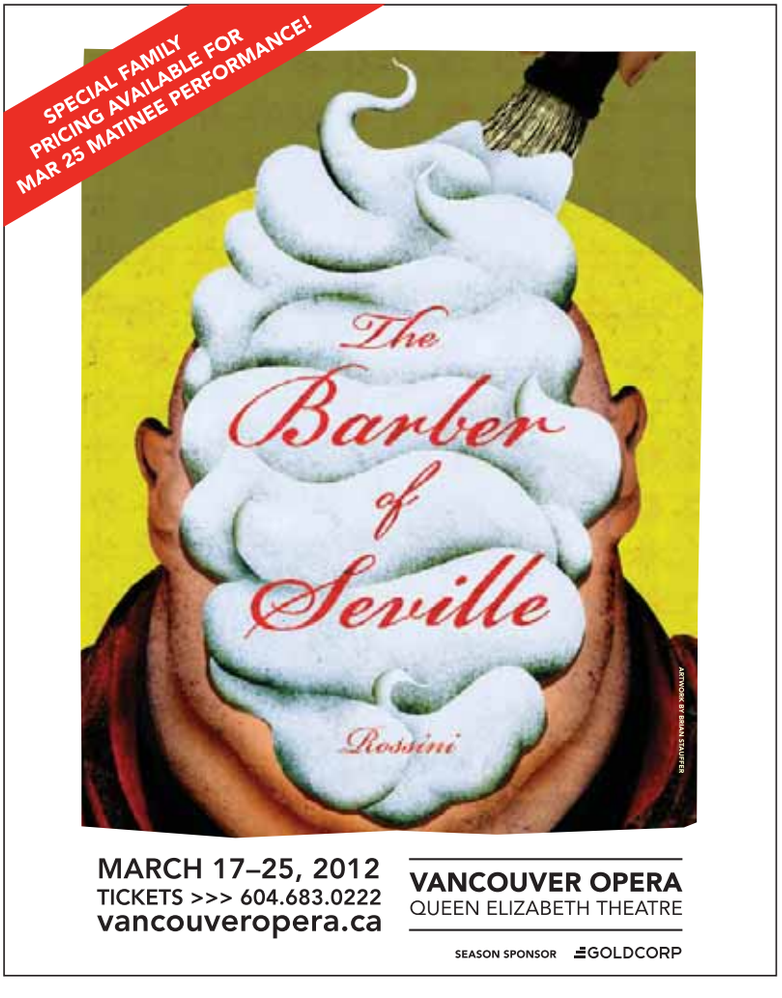
"With this one, I had to be a lot more faithful also because there's a fan base who are more than usually keen that you get it absolutely right," he says.

"The Hunger Games' fan base are passionate beyond anything I've ever come across, and I would fear for my life [if I get it wrong]. If I do too free an adaptation of that, I shall get firebombed. So I'm being very careful of that."

Of course, not everything from a book can make it into a movie, so not every bit of Catching Fire will make it to the screen, which Beaufoy freely admits.

But he's cagey when it comes to details. "[Collins] just knows her audience brilliantly, and she'll say 'That bit you just can't cut out because they'll all go crazy.' And other bits she'll go, 'This is fine that you've changed this," Beaufoy explains.

"But she really knows her readers. And because she's been in the film world, she understands about adapting, that things have to go and things have to change."



Horror

Silent House

Directors. Chris Kentis, Laura Lau

Stars. Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese, Eric Sheffer Stevens

It's an interesting idea, you have to give it that. Based on the Uruguayan film La Casa Muda, Silent House follows a moody young woman (Elizabeth Olsen) as she's terrorized in a country house. And when I say "follows," I mean it literally: Silent House is presented in real time, as one continuous take, which can be interesting except for those moments when Olsen has to wait while the cameraman gets out of her way on the stairs.

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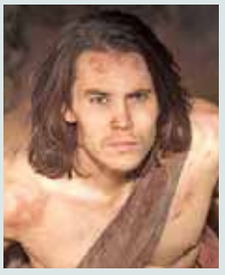

John Carter

Director. Andrew Stanton

Stars. Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe, Samantha Morton

Based on the novels by Edgar Rice Burroughs, the film follows Carter (Canada's own Taylor Kitsch), a former American Civil War captain who now spends his days searching for gold. But when Carter happens upon a special medallion that transports him to Barsoom (Mars), Carter is forced to fight again. There are some impressive graphics, but the film lacks a coherent storyline.

REGAN REID

Drama

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Director. Lasse Hallstrom

Stars. Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt

Aiming for gentle charm and arriving at mercilessly manufactured whimsy, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen is an embarrassment to its talented stars Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt and par for the course for pseudo-prestige director Lasse Hallstrom. Paul Torday's novel about a fisheries expert conscripted to help an eccentric Yemeni sheik stock the high-lands with schools of the titular fish is bad source material.

ADAM NAYMAN

Drama

In the Land of Blood and Honey

Director. Angelina Jolie

Stars. Zana Marjanovic, Goran Kostic

Angelina Jolie's tabloid baiting star power might be working against critics taking her feature directorial debut, In the Land of Blood and Honey, seriously. That's unfortunate because Jolie's nightmarish and yet reportedly authentic anti-romance is a work that's dark and artful and as painful to endure as it is fascinating.

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"What we did was we shot the end of the film first, when everything was messed up and destroyed and mucky...

"Then we shot some interiors and we went to a couple of other locations while this poor production team, who were on their knees by the end of it — after rebuilding a set three times that had been previously flooded — they built it in two days and we were able to shoot the rest of the film. It was nuts."

Emily Blunt, actress
Blunt on shooting Salmon Fishing in the Yemen during a relentless deluge in the highlands of Morocco's Atlas mountains washed out the set three times.
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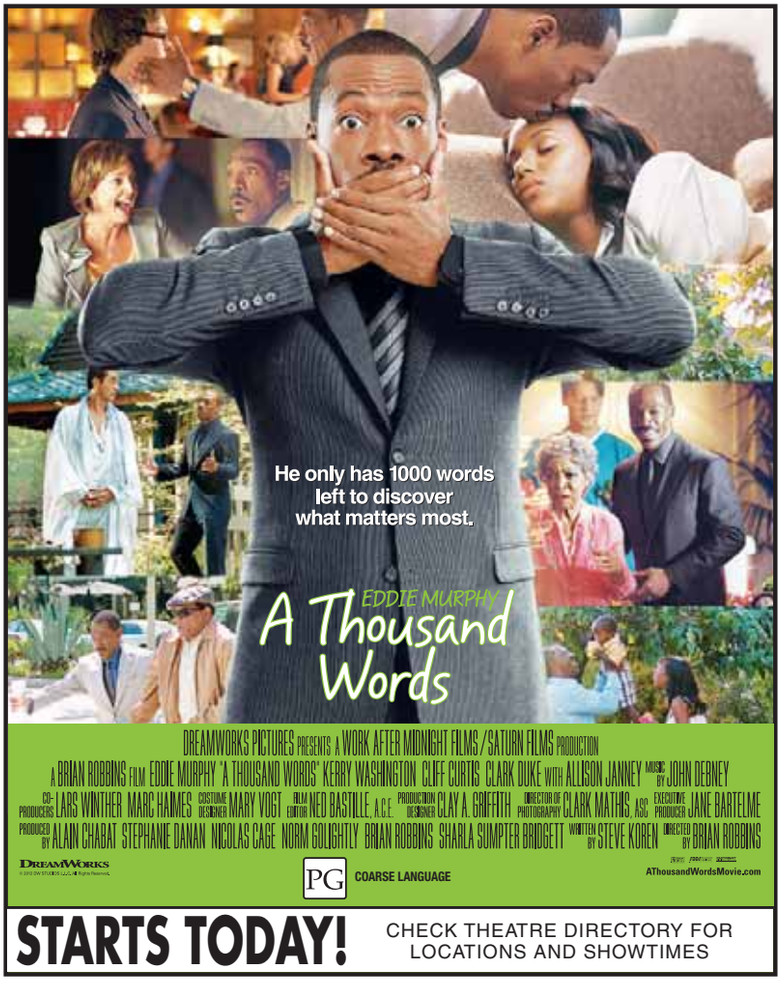
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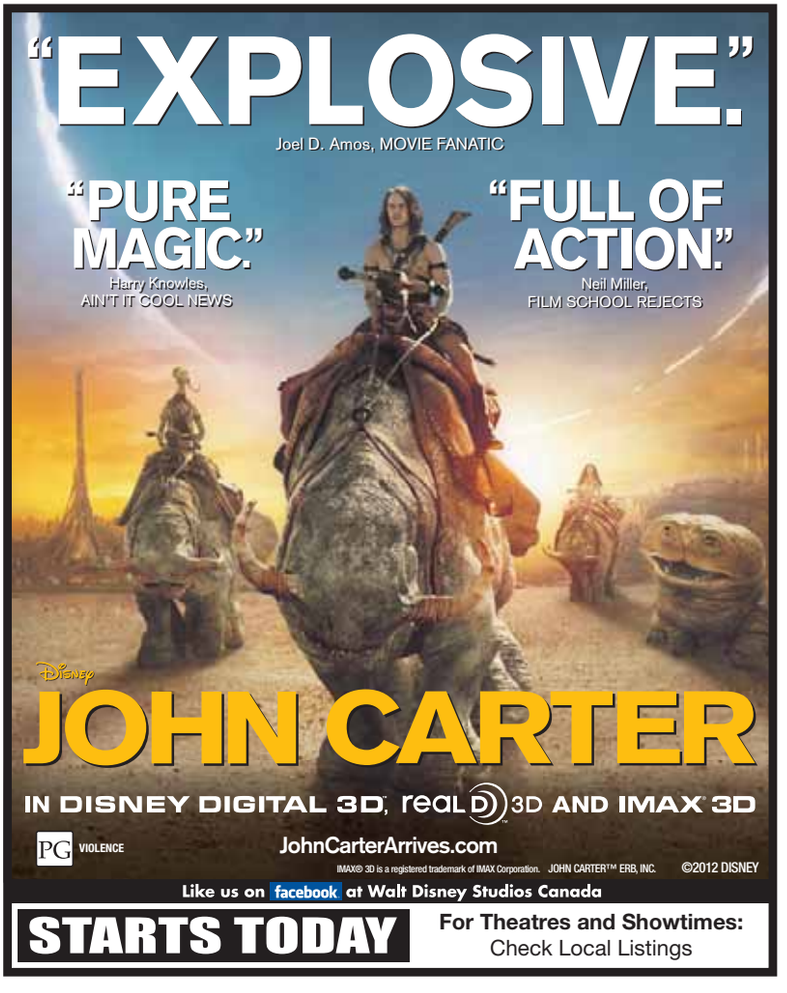
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Bully slapped with 'R' rating

Documentary. Filmmaker upset that movie may not be accessible to the crowd it aims to educate; petition sent to MPAA

Katy Butler, a one-time victim of Bullying delivers petition signatures to the MPAA's office. JONATHAN ALCORN/REUTERS

Lee Hirsch had a violent, nightmare middle school experience. Every day multiple students would punch him to the point where his arms were no longer black and blue—they were just plain yellow.

"I had a really hard time communicating the urgency (for help)," he says, looking back on the experience. "It was very difficult and painful. I couldn't find an adult or my parents who were willing to help me make it stop."

He's grown up, but Hirsch, a successful Sundance and Emmy-award winning director, is revisiting those painful days once more.

In his new documentary Bully follows the stories of five children and their families, showing how bullying has affected their lives.

But, even though it was intended to be an educational tool, Bully is garnering controversy. After being submitted to the MPAA, the governing body that issues American Film Ratings, the board decided to slap the film with an R-rating because the obscene language was used multiple times. This means anyone under 17, the vast majority of the people who Hirsch hopes to affect with this film, will need an adult to come with them to see the film. "I was surprised and devastated," Hirsch said.

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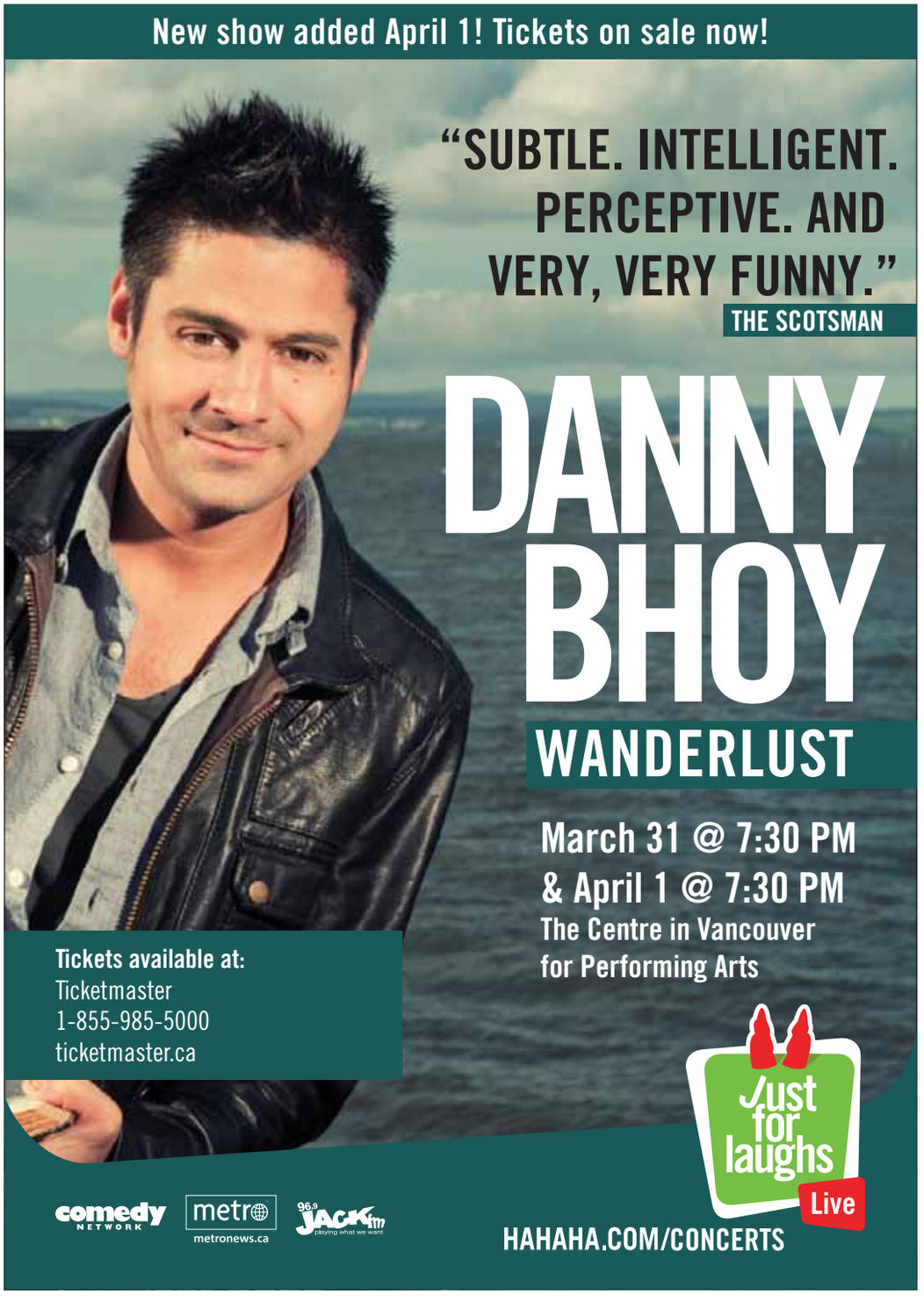

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A Dangerous Method (14A) Sat-Tue 9:10
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Sat 4:30 Mon-Tue 4:30
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 12:15 Mon-Thu 12:15
My Week With Marilyn (PG) Fri-Sat 2:30 Mon-Thu 2:30
People of a Feather (STC) Fri 7
White Water Black Gold (STC) Fri 9
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 4:40-10:30 Sat-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 4:40

Dunbar Theatre
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991 Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri 5:15-7:30 Sat-Thu 1-3:10-5:15-7:30

Fifth Avenue Cinemas
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469 The Artist (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:20-7-9:15
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-9:25
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50
Pina 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:25-9:35
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:30
A Separation (G) Fri-Tue 4:10-7:20-9:50 Wed 4:10-9:50 Thu 4:10-7:20-9:50

Granville
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Mon-Thu 3:20
Chronicle (14A) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:25-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-5:55-8:40
Footloose (PG) Mon-Thu 3:10
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 6:25-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:20-8:15 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:25
Gone (PG) Fri 6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 4:05-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:50-8:20
Happy Feet Two (G) Mon-Thu 3
In Darkness (14A) Fri 6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 3:55-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Puss in Boots (G) Mon-Thu 3:05
Rampart (14A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:15
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:10
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Pacific Cinémathèque
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
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Aag (STC) Sat 3 Sun 6:30
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George Washington (STC) Mon 8:10
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Jess & Moss (STC) Mon 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue

Park Theatre
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747 Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri 2-4-6-8 Sat-Sun 12-2-4-6-8 Mon-Thu 2-4-6-8

Ridge Theatre
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311 The Iron Lady (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15

Rio on Broadway
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
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Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG) Sun 3:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Sat Mon-Thu
Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG) Sun 1:20

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407
Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Sat 2-5-8-10:45 Sun 5:30-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 2-5-7:45-10:25
Bolshoi Ballet: Le Corsaire Live (STC) Sun 1
Goon (18A) Fri 12:50-3:15-5:50-8:20-10:45 Sat 5:50-8:20-10:45 Sun 12:50-3:15-8:05-10:25 Mon-Tue 1-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:25 Wed 1:40-4:10-10:25 Thu 1-3:20-5:45-8:05-10:25
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Safe House (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:40-7:50-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:20
The Vow (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:20-10
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vifc.org Empty Quarter (STC) Thu 7
Grace of My Heart (STC) Mon 6:30
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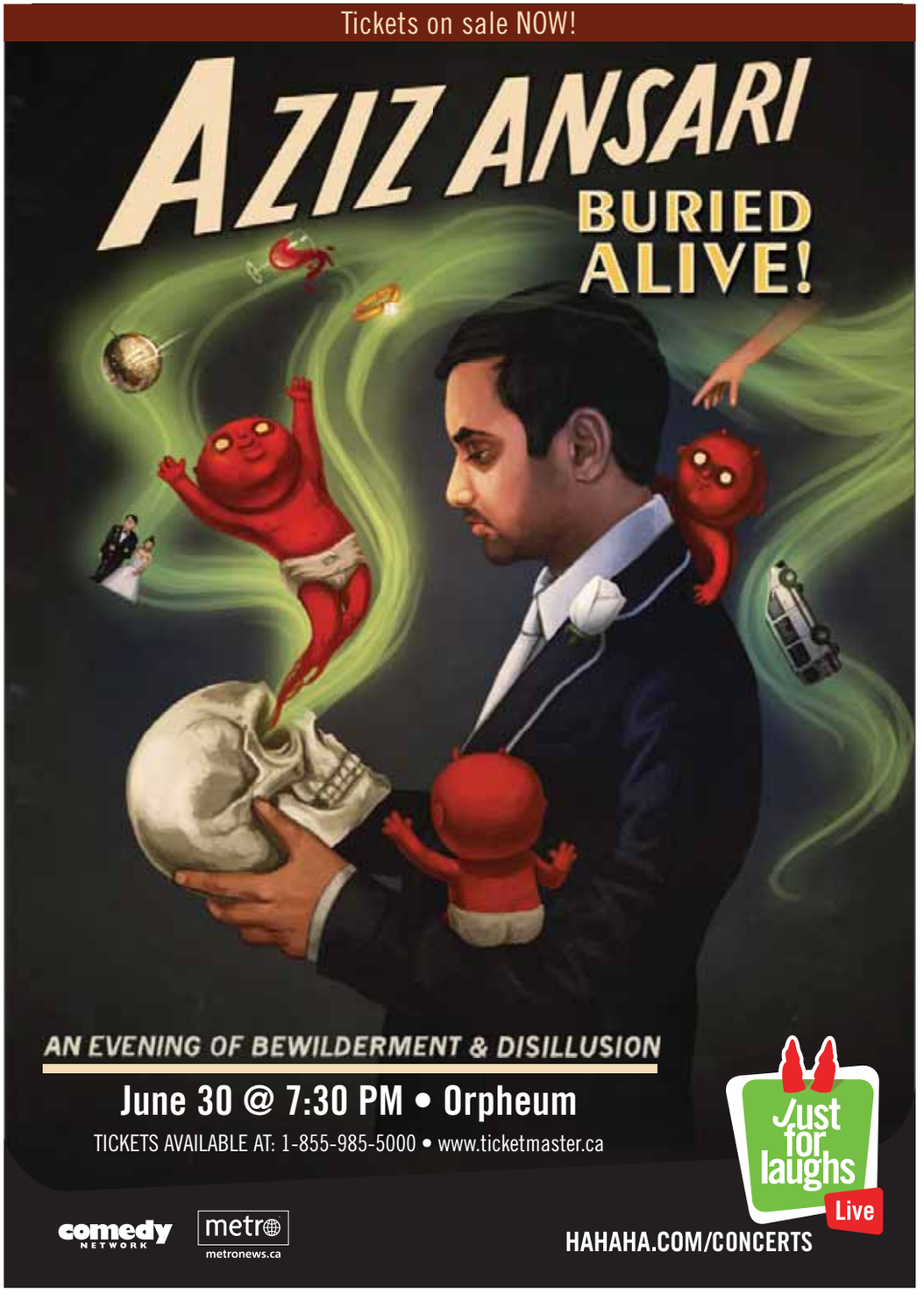

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Wanderlust (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Wed 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 Thu 4:10-6:50-9:25
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Wanderlust (14A) Fri 4:45-7:20-9:50 Sat 2-4:45-7:20-9:50 Sun 2-4:45-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20

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The Artist (G) Fri 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:40 Sat 4:30-7:05-9:40 Sun-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:40 Wed 1:45-4:30-9:40 Thu 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:40
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William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night (STC) Sat 12:45
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G) Wed 7

Surrey/White Rock/ Langley

Clova
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri 7 Sat-Thu 1:30-4-7

Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441
The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 4:50 Sat-Thu 2:40-4:50
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 4:45 Sat-Thu 12:30-4:45
Big Miracle (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Thu 2:25-6:30
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (14A) Fri-Thu 7
Gone (PG) Fri-Thu 8:35
The Grey (18A) Fri-Thu 8:50
Hugo (G) Sat-Thu 12:15
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 4:15-6:35 Sat-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:35
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400 Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:10-7:45-10:30
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05
Kahaani (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:15-10:15
Pata Nahi Rabb Kehdeyan Rangan Ch Raazi (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-7
Project X (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:45
Safe House (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:50
Shrek (G) Sat 11
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The Vow (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Wed 4:45-7:45-10:30 Thu 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Wanderlust (14A) Fri-Thu 10:35

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Footloose (PG) Mon-Tue 12:30-3:35 Thu 12:30-3:35
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 8:55 Mon-Tue 9:45 Wed 8:55 Thu 9:45
Goon (18A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:10-6:40-9 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed 12:55-4:10-6:40-9 Thu 6:40-9:20
Happy Feet Two (G) Mon-Tue 1-3:20 Thu 1-3:20
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The Artist (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15

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2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterion-theatres.com Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Thu 2:10-7:10-9
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Sat-Thu 2:20
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20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747 Act of Valor (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:05-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:20-10:10
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Mon-Thu 12:35
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island — An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30
Project X (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:35-10:55 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:15-7:55-10:20
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Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-4:15 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50
This Means War (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:35-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 1-4:20-7:40-10:25
A Thousand Words (PG) Fri 1:05-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:35 Sat 11-1:10-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:35 Sun 1:05-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:15-9:50
The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:25-11 Mon-Thu 12:45-4:05-7:10-9:45
Wanderlust (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:25-10:05
William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night (STC) Sat 12:45
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G) Wed 7:45
Twilight Drive-In
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063
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Amanda and Josh secretly dating: Us Weekly

Despite claims last month that she's happily single, Amanda Seyfried has reportedly been dating Josh Hartnett since January, according to Us Weekly.

The pair were set up by a mutual friend, sources say, and for now the relationship has been fairly casual.

"Josh likes to keep things low-key, so they've just been hanging out," a source says. METRO

Jessica Simpson almost went on a bender while she was first preggo

Jessica Simpson says she found out she was pregnant thanks to some intuition right before a planned day of binge-drinking.

"We were going to have an all-day drinking binge," Simpson tells Elle magazine. "Going to ride our bikes, hang out, do naughty things. But I started feeling this overwhelming guilt. Why would I feel guilt at the idea of going out and having cocktails with my friends?"

Somehow she knew to take a pregnancy test, which obviously put the drinking marathon on hold.

"I'm a free-spirited girl, but giving up my scotch? My Macallan 18? That was hard for me," Simpson says of being pregnant. METRO

Jessica Simpson

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Does Will have a special friend?

Star magazine flames the fire on Will Smith sexuality rumours

THE WORD
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Star magazine is throwing their tabloid hands in the air and are just going for it. This week's cover story isn't shocking for what they're writing about, but rather what they're implying.

In a screaming headline that proclaims Will & Jada's Divorce Secret: The Man Who Came Between Them! the magazine goes on to say that Duane Martin, Tisha Campbell-Martin's husband, and Will Smith are just way too close, going on vacations to Miami, Trinidad and Las Vegas together.

A "source" practically outs Smith: "Jada can't stand Will's relationship with Duane. She feels like Will flaunts it in her face, hanging out with him every day and taking him on exotic vacations while she's sitting home alone. Will and Jada's marriage is completely fractured, and it's only getting worse as Will spends more time away with Duane. I don't know how much longer they can live this way. It's only a matter of time until one of them makes the split official and files for divorce."

Of course, there have been whispers about both Will and Jada's sexuality for years, but no magazine has so blatantly gone there.

Unless, of course, I'm just totally reading into this and it's super hetero to go on a myriad of exotic vacations with just your best friend and not your wife?

Will Smith. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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@justinbieber
what were we talking about again?

@MissKellyO
I hate tweeting from my phone the predictive texting drives me CRAZY!

@ladygaga
I told you MINT would be big in fashion this spring. Naturally, I will continue to wear black. (perpetual mourner)

@JoelMcHale
How disturbed should I be that my 3 year old uses the word "assassin" in casual conversation?

Ever wanted to see Hulk Hogan naked? Well, now, maybe you can.

The latest celebrity to have to deal with the leak of a purported personal sex tape? Hulk Hogan.

A video allegedly featuring the wrestling veteran and an unidentified woman — though not his ex-wife or his current wife — is reportedly being shopped around to adult film outlets, according to TMZ.

A lawyer for Hogan (whose real name is Terry Bollea) says his client is mortified.

"Terry Bollea is appalled at the unauthorized release of a secretly filmed video," attorney David Houstan says.

"He neither approved of the filming nor the release of the same. It is clearly an outrageous invasion of privacy and breach of trust if it is genuine. We will take all necessary steps to enforce both civil and criminal liability." METRO

Hulk Hogan

Sienna admits she's expecting

Sienna Miller has confirmed to Vogue UK that she's with child.

"I'm in my second trimester, so I'm I-can-talk-about-it pregnant, even though I'm under strict instructions not to say anything," the actress says. "I'm feeling fine. It's all progressing very nicely and it's very exciting."

So why stay mum? Miller — who has been campaigning for privacy rights after being stalked by paparazzi and getting caught up in the News of the World phone-hacking scandal — says she doesn't want to contradict herself.

"[Speaking about my pregnancy] would completely defeat the point of everything I've tried to achieve in the last eight years," she explains. METRO

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On the Web

Seattle plans 'food forest' park where people will be able to pick fruits, nuts

These aren't your mom's ham & cheese sandwiches

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches with Grilled Onions and Boursin Cheese

Serve this dish as a meal with boiled potatoes and cabbage. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches. This creation uses grilled onions and creamy Boursin cheese

The depth of flavour from the Guinness marinade in this recipe is enhanced by a touch of rich herb and garlic cheese that melts on the hot steak and onions.

Freeze the cheese to make it easier to shave just enough on the top of the grilled steak and onions. This prevents too much cheese from being layered on.

Onions are easier to grill without falling apart if you skewer them before cooking. Cut an onion into 1-cm (1/two-inch) thick slices. Thread the centre of each onion with a bamboo skewer that has been soaked in water. Place the onion skewers on the cooking grates and turn once halfway through cooking.

1 Use paper towels to pat steak dry, then set it in a glass or stainless-steel container with a tight cover. Pour Guinness over steak. Set onion slices on top of steak, then cover container and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.

2 Heat a gas or charcoal grill to medium. Set cheese in freezer. Remove meat and onions from marinade and pat dry. Brush everything with a thin coat of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Place steak and onions on cooking grate over direct heat and sear for 6 to 8 minutes. Turn steak and onions and sear on second side for another 6 to 8 minutes. (Alternatively, you also can sear steak and onions on a stovetop grill or grill pan for several minutes per side, then finish cooking in a 180 C/350 F oven set on a rack over a sheet pan.)

3 Transfer steak and onions to a platter. Remove cheese from freezer and use a vegetable peeler or paring knife to shave Boursin on top of steak and onions. Cover with foil and set aside. Brush each slice of bread with oil, then grill them until lightly toasted, 1 to 2 minutes. Thinly slice steak, then assemble sandwiches with bread, steak and onions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, A GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOODS EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE CHEF AT HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE MARKET RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS HILL COUNTRY CHICKEN IN NEW YORK. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.

Ingredients

4 portions
Start to finish: 30 minutes active (plus 1-2 hour marinating)

- 1-kg (2-lb) flank steak or London broil, at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick
- 1 can (441 ml/14.9 oz) Guinness beer
- 2 large red onions, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices
- 1 small container Boursin cheese
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 thick slices country bread

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When I was in university my party favour of choice was tequila. Nobody drank it seriously back then so I would channel my inner Charlie Sheen by bumming a beer and throwing back a few shots in-between sips of brew.

It sure impressed the ladies. At least I think it did. I can't seem to remember. Either way, I still have an affinity for Mexico's native spirit though today I'm more into how it mixes in cocktails.

I love the margarita because it's so easy make (all you need is tequila, Triple Sec orange liqueur and some lime juice) and it's one cocktail that really allows the booze elements to show through the mix.

A tequila purist would insist on the use of a white style as they typically do south of the boarder. I still prefer a gold tequila's richer flavour in my margs.

Tequila Cazadores Reposado ($34.95 - $39.99) is made with 100 per cent Blue Agave (the plant from which all true tequila is born) and is aged in new barrels (rather than the usual used bourbon casks). This all helps to enhance the spirit's citrusy aroma and up-front vegetal/ spice expression. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Pancetta meets hummus & tomatoes

One of the most widely available yet overlooked types of bacon is pancetta. A close relative of American bacon, it is the Italian version.

Typically made from the belly, the curing process is the same but the meat is not usually smoked. During curing, it is often seasoned with black pepper, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon and herbs. Slabs of pancetta are usually rolled into a log when sold at the deli.

Here, salty pancetta combined with creamy hummus makes for a twist for an appetizer to serve up with drinks.

Look for an aged balsamic vinegar to help bring out the sweetness of the tomatoes.

1 In skillet over medium-high heat, cook pancetta 5 mins. or until crispy and browned. Remove skillet from heat and add hummus, mixing well.

2 Thickly slather a quarter of the hummus-pancetta mixture over each slice of bread. Top each with 1 or 2 slices of tomato and a quarter of the red onion.

3 Drizzle each sandwich with balsamic vinegar, then season with pepper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT HER SITE EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Pancetta, Hummus with Balsamic-Drenched Tomato Sandwich

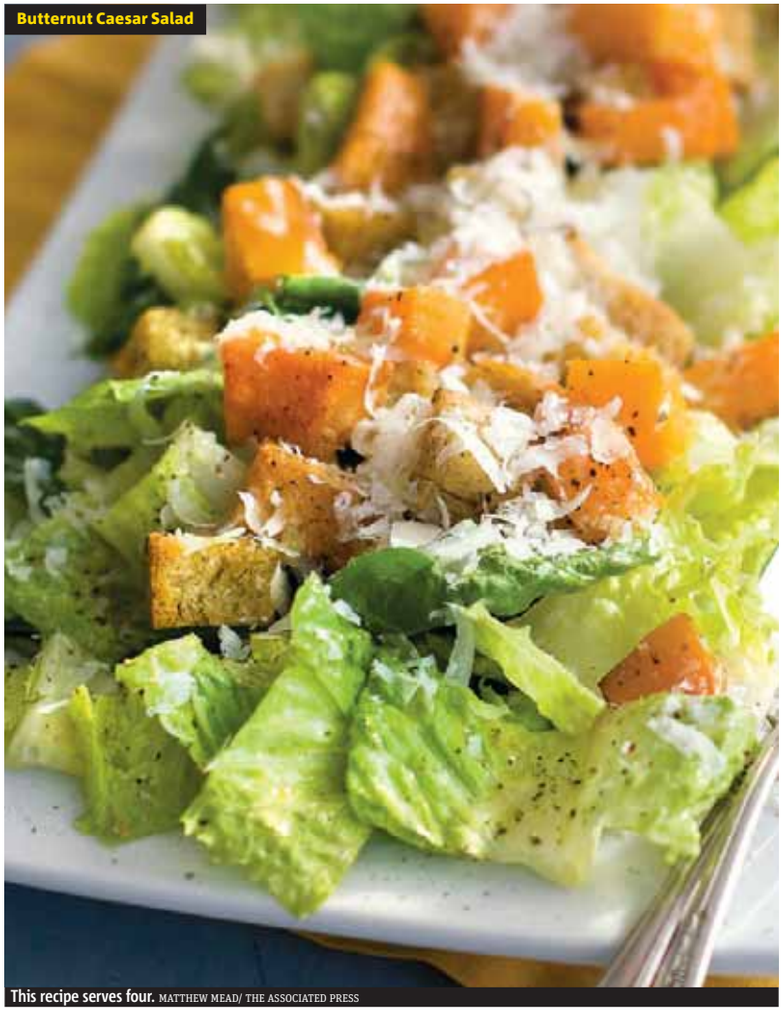
Creamy hummus and crispy pancetta MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Ingredients

4 portions
Total cooking time: 15 minutes

- 125 g (4 oz) pancetta, finely cubed
- 500 ml (16 oz) prepared hummus
- 4 large, thick slices sour -dough bread, toasted
- 2 large ripe tomatoes, cut into thick slices
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- Aged balsamic vinegar
- Ground black pepper

Winterize Caesar Salad with squash



Butternut Caesar Salad

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter how delicious a caesar salad is, chilly temperatures tend to be a turnoff for all things leafy green.

Which is why tinkering with the basics of this classic salad can create a winter-friendly version that is true to its tangy, cheesy roots, but also hardy enough to be desirable on a cold night.

Keep the classic romaine base, but bulk it up with roasted cubes of butternut squash. Warm and substantial, butternut is the perfect base for a robust caesar dressing. Add to that some freshly made croutons and it's a perfect light dinner.

Want to make it more substantial? No need to dirty a pan. Slice some boneless, skinless chicken breasts into thin strips, season with salt, pepper and garlic powder, toss them on the baking sheet with the croutons and squash for the last 20 minutes of baking, then cut them into chunks and toss with the salad.

1 In a bowl, combine squash with 15 mL (1 tbsp) of the oil, tossing to coat. Season with pinch each of the salt and pepper, then transfer to one half of parchment paper lined baking sheet. Roast in preheated 200 C (400 F) oven for 10 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, place bread cubes in the same bowl, drizzle with remaining olive oil and toss to coat evenly. Season with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add bread to other half of baking sheet and roast for about 20 minutes or until squash is tender and croutons are crisp.

3 Dressing: In a blender, whirl olive oil, garlic, anchovies, lemon juice, Dijon, pepper and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the Parmesan until smooth.

4 Place romaine in bowl, then drizzle with dressing and toss. Divide among 4 serving plates. Top each serving with squash and croutons, then drizzle with remaining dressing. Sprinkle each serving with some of the remaining Parmesan.

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Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) peeled and cubed butternut squash
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 L (4 cups) cubed rustic bread
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder

Dressing:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic
- 4 anchovy fillets
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, divided
- 2 heads romaine lettuce, chopped

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"I'm going to do whatever it takes and I'm going to keep continuing to prove people wrong my whole career."

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love, on those who doubted he could make it in the NBA. Love is averaging 25.5 points and 13.7 rebounds this season and leads the NBA in minutes played.

Canucks dent Jets' playoff hopes

Ryan Kesler, left, and Alex Burrows celebrate Kesler's goal against the Winnipeg Jets. Sammy Pahlsson scored his first goal as a Canuck on Thursday to give Vancouver a 3-2 victory over Winnipeg and interrupt the Jets' playoff drive. Pahlsson, obtained at the trade deadline for draft picks from Columbus, took Kevin Bieksa's drop pass inside the blue-line and drilled a shot over the glove of goalie Ondrej Pavelec. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Territories make curling history

Brier. No team from the North had ever reached the playoffs

Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba advancing to the playoffs at the Canadian men's curling championship was predictable. Yukon and Northwest Territories joining the perennial powers was not.

Jamie Koe's Yellowknife team snared the fourth and final playoff berth with an 8-3 win over B.C.'s Jim Cotter to finish the preliminary round 7-4 on Thursday.

It's the first time since playoff games were introduced to the Brier format in 1980 that a Territories team has made the playoffs. Don Twa's Territories team finished tied for runner-up in 1975 when the event was a round-robin format.

"It's unreal," Koe said. "We're from the North. We don't get to play that much, or we choose not to play that much because it's so expensive, so it's pretty special and we know everyone back home is going nuts right now.

"Once I get to my phone, it's going to be going off all night."

Koe joins older brother and Alberta skip Kevin in the final four and will face him in a Page playoff between the third and fourth seeds Saturday.

"It's guaranteed someone is going to be in the semifinal," Jamie Koe said. "It's my dad's 65th birthday today so what a way to celebrate his birthday, I think."

Ontario's Glenn Howard (10-1) finished first and Manitoba's Rob Fowler second at 8-3. They'll meet in Friday's Page playoff between the top-two seeds (TSN, 5:30).

A direct trip to Sunday's final is on the line. The loser falls to Saturday's semifinal to meet the winner of Koe versus Koe.

Kevin Koe needed a win over Howard on Thursday to finish first, but a 6-3 loss dropped his team to third at 8-3.

Alberta thumped the Territories 11-3 in the preliminary round. They opened the round robin 6-0, but lost three of their last five. Alberta third Pat Simmons is suffering from a respiratory infection and taking antibiotics for it.

Kevin Koe won the Canadian and world championships two years ago. While the Alberta skip understands what his brother's accomplishment means to him and to curling in Yukon and Northwest Territories, he's not willing to let Jamie make more history Saturday.

"I'm happy they're in the playoffs, for sure," Kevin Koe said. "It's huge for everyone back home and curling back home.

"It's a good story and hopefully it ends Saturday. It's time for us to get our killer instinct out. We've got to come out and beat up whoever we're playing. Now that they're in the playoffs, that's a good week for them and it's time to end it."

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Marino happy to take Manning's questions

If Peyton Manning wants to talk about playing quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, Dan Marino would be thrilled to take his call.

And just in case, Marino has his sales pitch ready.

"There's great tradition there. We've had a couple off years but believe me, they'll be back," said Marino, the Hall of Famer who threw for 420 touchdowns and more than 61,000 yards in his Dolphins career.

"It's a great franchise and they'll get it turned around."

Manning would almost certainly help in that quest, which largely started when Marino retired more than a decade ago.

From the moment the four-time MVP parted with the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday, buzz about Manning has been growing in Miami — much of it fueled by the quarterback's arrival in South Florida shortly after becoming an NFL free agent for the first time. Manning insists he doesn't know what his next move will be, and Marino believes him.

"I think he fits with anybody," Marino said Thursday at a charity golf tournament. "He's one of the best to ever play the game at that position. So wherever he ends up playing, if he's healthy, which is going to be important to Peyton, I'm sure he wants to go out there and play at a high level. Wherever he plays, he'll be a huge impact for that team."

The Dolphins are believed to be one of the teams interested in adding Manning; Miami plays a game at Indianapolis next season.

Washington, Arizona, Seattle, Denver and Kansas City also are likely to talk to him, along with the Jets.

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Eric Hassli celebrates his goal — the Whitecaps' first-ever MLS marker — against Toronto FC on March 19, 2011, in Vancouver. The Whitecaps will be looking to improve significantly on last season's goals-per-game figure. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

Cresting waves

Vancouver Whitecaps preview. With a retooled team, Vancouver will be looking to make a splash in its second season in MLS

The Vancouver Whitecaps kick off their 2012 Major League Soccer season Saturday against the Montreal Impact at BC Place.

After finishing in rock bottom last year, Vancouver will be hoping for a massive improvement this time around.

With an off-season of transformation, both on and off the pitch, Michael McColl looks ahead at what the season may have in store for Whitecaps supporters.

Revamp in Vancouver:
The off-season has been a frenetic one for the Whitecaps. The club has an all-new management team, 12 new players and new front-office personnel as it aims to improve on 2011's last-place finish.

Club president Bob Lenarduzzi knows last season was a disappointment, but is certain that the team can learn from its first-year mistakes.

"We didn't have a good year and we all need to take responsibility for that. I honestly think that all of us, myself included, underestimated the level of play in MLS," he said. "Over the course of a 30-plus-game season, there's a quality in MLS that is certainly much greater than I think we had anticipated. We won't make that mistake this year."

New head coach Martin Rennie is the man charged with turning the Whitecaps' fortunes around, and the Scotsman has brought in a mix of players whom he knows well, as well as talent from around the world.

Perhaps Vancouver's biggest acquisition of the off-season was all-star striker Sebastien Le Toux, acquired in a trade with Philadelphia. The experienced target man has a proven goal-scoring record in MLS and is set to form a promising partnership up front with fellow Frenchman Eric Hassli.

New designated player Barry Robson will join from English side Middlesbrough in July and will look to bolster the Caps' push for the playoffs.

Pre-season:
The club won the Disney Pro Soccer Classic in Orlando last weekend, with four wins and four clean sheets against MLS opposition.

Expectations are running high for Vancouver this season, but Rennie is unfazed.

"I'm not too concerned by other people's expectations. For me it's just about managing our team and managing what we've got to do," Rennie said. "We believe we've got a good team and we want to make sure that every time we step on the field we compete as hard as we can, so that all of the fans and everybody associated with the club is proud of what the guys do."

Tactics:
Rennie's teams have been known for both their attacking and defensive qualities.

Four clean sheets in pre-season indicate the gaps at the back have been plugged.

Rennie likes his teams to build from the back and break quickly on the wings.

It's going to be an exciting season and there will be goals. Lots of them.

Predictions:
Despite last year's failings, player acquisitions have kept expectations high. The West will be a battle, but the Whitecaps should make the playoffs with the talent at their disposal, with third or fourth place in the West a real possibility. The Voyageurs Cup should finally find a home in Vancouver, bringing the Caps' first Champions League run.

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Setting goals

"I believe that's a realistic goal for us, to go out every game and compete and have a good chance." Whitecaps head coach Martin Rennie

Spirit of the West. Sizing up the competition

L.A. Galaxy:
The star-studded L.A. Galaxy are fresh from winning last season's MLS Cup. The return of David Beckham, along with Robbie Keane, Juninho and Landon Donovan, make them the team to beat again.

Seattle Sounders:
They have qualified for the playoffs in each of their three years in MLS but have struggled to take that final leap to be championship contenders. Could this be their year? They'll be tough in the regular season, but it looks like it will be the same old story in the playoffs, and their squad seems weaker.

Real Salt Lake:
The Whitecaps have a shot for at least a third-place finish in the West. Real Salt Lake stand in their way. They are packed with talent and are hard to beat at home. Last year ,injuries were their downfall, but the team is finally starting to look healthy and will want to bounce back.

The rest:
Vancouver's squad looks infinitely better than the rest of the West. Chivas, Colorado, Dallas, Portland and San Jose are the teams that the Caps need to consistently beat if they are to make progress this season.

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Tougher schedule

- **Expansion.** With MLS now boasting 19 teams, following the addition of Montreal, the league has moved away from a balanced schedule.
- **Regional.** That means more regional matches for Vancouver against Western Conference rivals and a tougher schedule.
- **Quality.** The gulf in quality between the Eastern and Western sides in MLS has continued to grow in recent seasons, and looks big again in 2012.
- **Big Three.** For Vancouver to break into the playoffs, it has to successfully compete with the West's Big Three: L.A. Galaxy, Seattle Sounders and Real Salt Lake.

Rising talents. Players to watch for this season

The Whitecaps squad has a more experienced look to it this season, but there are still some young stars to watch for.

Michael Nanchoff. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

Michael Nanchoff:
Last year's second pick in the SuperDraft never really got a chance to show us what he can offer. Coach Martin Rennie has known him since his high school days and is a fan. Nanchoff impressed in pre-season in a central-midfield role.

Bryce Alderson:
A product of the Whitecaps' excellent residency program. Alderson has made the squad as a Generation Adidas player. Still just 18, he may not see many MLS minutes but could feature in Voyageurs Cup action. He hasn't looked out of place against older and more experienced opposition.

Greg Klazura: Overlooked in the SuperDraft, the Caps picked him up in the second round of the supplemental draft. Described by Rennie as "a project," Klazura has continued to develop and impress in training camp.

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Dates to mark on your calendar:

- **May 2 & 9.** Voyageurs Cup semifinal vs. Edmonton (2 legs)
- **May 16 & 23.** Voyageurs Cup final (2 legs)
- **May 19.** Seattle at BC Place
- **May 26.** Whitecaps at Portland
- **July 11.** Whitecaps at Toronto
- **July 18.** MLS Cup winners L.A. Galaxy at BC Place
- **Aug. 18.** Whitecaps at Seattle
- **Aug. 25.** Whitecaps at Portland
- **Sept. 29.** Seattle at BC Place
- **Oct. 21.** Portland at BC Place
- **Oct. 27.** Last regular-season game at Real Salt Lake
- **November.** MLS playoffs
- **Dec. 1.** MLS Cup

Jay DeMerit staying healthy will be key to the Whitecaps' playoff hopes. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

Five keys to Whitecaps' success

Stay healthy:
The injuries last season were crippling. Jay DeMerit and John Thorrington are two key players that need to stay healthy this season. If they can't, top-quality replacements must be found.

Build a fortress:
No team will go deep in the playoffs if it can't win at home. BC Place needs to become a formidable fortress, and the fans can play a huge part in that.

Road warriors:
There were no away wins last season. Four wins in pre-season in Orlando and four clean sheets may be the start of a change in fortunes on the road.

Depth:
The squad seems deeper in strength than last season and it will need to be for the inevitable injuries and, hopefully, a Champions League run.

Spread the wealth:
Camilo and Eric Hassli accounted for 63 per cent of Whitecaps goals last season. The rest of the team needs to contribute. The additions of Sebastien Le Toux and Darren Mattocks should help, but the team needs to improve on last season's pitiful goals-per-game average.

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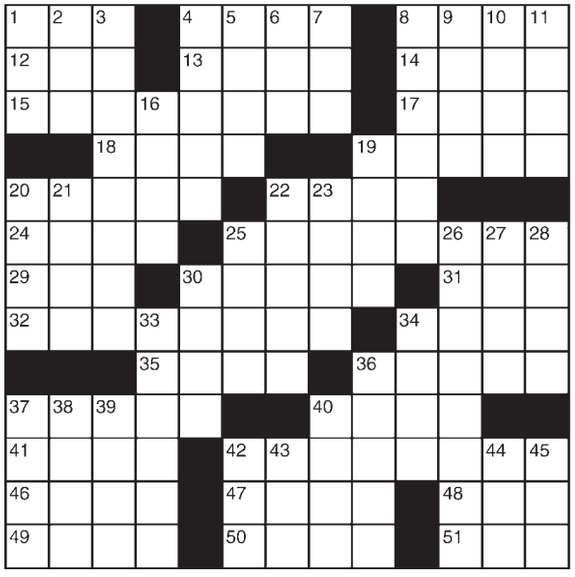

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1 Corn spike
4 Stow cargo
8 Office note
12 Life story, for short
13 Lotion additive
14 Acknowledge
15 Unwanted repercussions
17 Cleo's river
18 Doctor's due
19 Stopped a squeak
20 Aesopian lesson
22 Transcending (Pref.)
24 Pavlov or Lendl
25 Aped
29 Calendar abbr.
30 Paycheck extra
31 Aye canceler
32 Rorschach patterns
34 "Phooey!"
35 Tramp's love
36 Syrup provider
37 Talking bird
40 Addition problems
41 Thy
42 Group of submarines
46 Youngster
47 Fix a text
48 Dove's call
49 Gardening tools
50 Ms. Moore
51 Barbie's companion

Down

1 "Cabaret" lyricist
2 Have a bug
3 Car attachment
4 Tag
5 "Sad to say ..."
6 Elmer, to Bugs
7 "A mouse!"
8 "Flashdance" song
9 Satanic
10 Double agent
11 Hadn't paid yet
16 Slowly withdraw (from)
19 Elevator name
20 Calf-length
21 It takes the cake
22 Like some mouthwash
23 Ostriches' kin
25 Disposition
26 Hiker's carryall
27 Count counterpart
28 Unit of force
30 Mediocre
33 Trumpet sounds
34 Moist
36 Civvies
37 Legend
38 Vacillate
39 Use the microwave
40 Slender
42 Marry
43 Praise in verse
44 Miler Sebastian

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Yesterday's answer

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Send a kiss

- **One I'll Always Yearn For.** I keep telling myself he is not with me, don't miss him so much, but I can't help it, whenever I think of you I cry, will there ever be a solution? From Blind ignorant now too regretful and hopeful
- **Sisaboo.** I know you're going through a tough time right now, but keep your head up and stay strong like you always do. I've always admired your strength ever since we were little. But if you ever need somebody to lean on, you know I'll always be there. I love you. Life is tough, but you are tougher... S4L. Sister Bear
- **Tigress.** i feel ur roar, i swear i never meant to hurt you my love. i ain't a whore either, jealous of a little friend, eh? ... you say we deserve to be happy, but i need you to make me ;) Gazelle
- **Bum.** I am so proud of you. I know school is hard and there is so much going on in your life, but every night you stay up and talk to me. Even though you're there and Im here, I dream of the day when we are finished school and together for good. I love you so much babe. Joshy Poo

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You are where you are for a reason and your primary objective now should be to work out what that reason is. Look around.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will see or hear something that hands you the opportunity for which you have been waiting.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. It does not matter how many tasks you have to deal with today, you will breeze through them all without a care in the world.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Someone is trying to deceive you and you will catch them red-handed today. Get tough.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Someone is desperate for you to tell them how much you appreciate them. The good news is you will find it easy to open up.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. It may look as if you are getting the poor end of a deal, but over the next few weeks you will more than make up for it.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Do something meaningful, something that makes a difference. The possibilities are endless.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Some people will be a little bit demanding today and it seems you have little choice but to do as they say.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. This is one of the best times to get out and about and trade opinions with people.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You will have to make sacrifices over the next two or three days but each and every one of them will be worth it.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The Sun in your sign means there is no better time to find ways to improve yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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INCLUDES central accom near Waikiki Beach. **ADD** Paradise Cove Orchid Luau Package from $126.

Maui

Family Special, Air + 7 Nights — from $749◊ + taxes & fees $149

INCLUDES 1-bedroom condo style accom in Kihei. Price per person based on family of 4. **BOOK** package based on double occupancy from $1049.

Special Offer

New Zealand

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Book roundtrip airfare with Air New Zealand and a hotel, cruise or escorted tour by March 31st and receive $100^ off your airfare.

Airfare	from $898 + taxes & fees $401
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7-Day River Boat

from USD $662~

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INCLUDES self-drive boat charter on the Canal du Midi in southern France with bedding, bathrooms, kitchen galley and sundecks. Price based on group of 4. Damage waiver is included in price. Airfare not included.

London Air + 6 Nights — from $779 + taxes & fees $616

INCLUDES central accom near Knightsbridge, Chelsea and Hyde park. **ADD** hop-on, hop-off tour from $42.

Thailand Air + 8 Nights — from $924 + taxes & fees $409

INCLUDES accom on the Chao Praya River with access to skytrain and ferry services. **BONUS** daily breakfast included. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $10 per night. **ADD** Floating Markets from $35.

Australia Long Stay Air + 21 Days — from $1179 + taxes & fees $816

INCLUDES airfare to Sydney and campervan rental with linen, cookware and unlimited mileage included.

Dubai Air + 7 Nights — from $1349 + taxes & fees $276

INCLUDES accom near Jumeirah Beach. **BONUS** daily breakfast included. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $21 per night.

Barcelona Air + 7 Nights — from $1519 + taxes & fees $541

INCLUDES central accom on La Rambla Street. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $16 per night. **ADD** hop-on, hop-off tour from $42.

Canada

Victoria 2 Nights

from $144

taxes & fees included

INCLUDES accom on the Inner Harbour. **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $36 per night. **ADD** Butchart Gardens admission from $26.

Banff 3 Nights + Lift Pass — from $499 taxes & fees included

INCLUDES accom in Yoho National Park and 2-day lift pass to ski Banff/Lake Louise.

Toronto Air + 3 Nights — from $599 + taxes & fees $165

INCLUDES accom in the theatre district. **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $29 per night. **ADD** CN Tower admission from $32.

Cruise & Stays

Las Vegas

Air + 3 Nights 3-Night Cruise

from $557

+ taxes & fees $95

INCLUDES 3-night Pacific Coastal cruise sailing from Vancouver to Los Angeles, airfare to Las Vegas, 3 nights accom on the Las Vegas Strip and return airfare to Vancouver. **UPGRADE** to oceanview stateroom and 4.5-star Vegas accom from $23 per night.

San Diego

Air + 3 Nights + 3-Night Cruise — from $559 + taxes & fees $119

INCLUDES airfare to San Diego, 3 nights Mission Valley accom and 3-night cruise sailing from San Diego to Vancouver. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom and balcony stateroom from $23 per night.

Escorted Tours

Thailand 4-Day Tour — from $653 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Ko Phi Phi, Ko Racha, Ko Yao Yai and Phuket. Travel from Ko Phi Phi to Phuket.

Croatia 8-Day Tour — from $722 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Split, Mljet, Dubrovnik, Sipan Island, Korcula, Hvar, and Brac. Roundtrip Split.

Turkey 12-Day Tour — from $1041 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Pergamon, Ephesus, Pamukkle, Hierapolis, Bursa. Roundtrip Istanbul.

Australia 12-Day Tour — from $1520 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Cairns, Whitsundays, Farmstay, Fraser Island, Noosa and Surfers Paradise. Tour for ages 18 - 35's. Travel from Cairns to Surfer's Paradise.

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